

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A virtual space control method, comprising the steps of:

changing a direction of a prescribed part of a virtual character in a virtual space; and

moving a fixation point in the virtual space in response to the change in direction of the prescribed part.

2. The virtual space control method according to claim 1, wherein

the step of changing a direction has a step of changing an orientation of a head of the virtual character as the change in direction of the prescribed part, and

the step of moving a fixation point has a step of moving the fixation point in response to the change in orientation of the head of the virtual character.

3. The virtual space control method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

receiving a operation command input from the virtual character, and

wherein the step of changing a direction has a step of changing the direction of the prescribed part in response to the operation command input.

4. The virtual space control method according to claim 1,

further comprising the step of:

detecting occurrence of a prescribed event, and

wherein the step of changing a direction has a step of
changing the direction of the prescribed part in response to
the occurrence of the prescribed event.

5 5. The virtual space control method according to claim 1,
further comprising the step of:

moving the virtual character in the virtual space, and

10 wherein the step of moving a fixation point has a step
of moving the fixation point in the virtual space in response
to movement of the virtual character and to the change in
direction of the prescribed part.

15 6. The virtual space control method according to claim 5,
further comprising the step of:

generating a prescribed object in the virtual space only
when a movement of the virtual character occurs, and the
direction of the prescribed part is changed into a prescribed
20 direction.

7. The virtual space control method according to claim 1,
further comprising the step of:

setting target coordinates in the virtual space, and

25 wherein the step of changing a direction has a step of
changing the direction of the prescribed part of the virtual

character toward the direction of the target coordinates.

8. The virtual space control method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

5 setting a limit to a direction changeable range of the prescribed part of the virtual character.

9. The virtual space control method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

10 causing operation of another part influenced by operation of the prescribed part in a pre-established prescribed operating proportion.

15 10. A computer-readable recording medium having recorded therein a virtual space control program to be executed on a computer, the virtual space control program comprising:

 a step of changing a direction of a prescribed part of a virtual character in a virtual space; and

20 a step of moving a fixation point in the virtual space in response to the change in direction of the prescribed part.

11. The computer-readable recording medium having recorded therein the virtual space control program to be executed on a computer according to claim 10, wherein

25 the step of changing a direction has a step of changing an orientation of a head of the virtual character as the change

in direction of the prescribed part, and

the step of moving a fixation point has a step of moving the fixation point in response to the change in orientation of the head of the virtual character.

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12. The computer-readable recording medium having recorded therein the virtual space control program to be executed on a computer according to claim 10, the virtual space control program comprising: a step of receiving a operation command input from the virtual character, and

wherein the step of changing a direction has a step of changing the direction of the prescribed part in response to the operation command input.

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13. The computer-readable recording medium having recorded therein the virtual space control program to be executed on a computer according to claim 10, the virtual space control program comprising:

a step of detecting occurrence of a prescribed event,

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wherein the step of changing a direction has a step of changing the direction of the prescribed part in response to the occurrence of the prescribed event.

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14. The computer-readable recording medium having recorded therein the virtual space control program to be executed on

a computer according to claim 10, the virtual space control program comprising: a step of moving the virtual character in the virtual space, and

wherein the step of moving a fixation point has a step of moving the fixation point in the virtual space in response to movement of the virtual character and to the change in direction of the prescribed part.

15. The computer-readable recording medium having recorded therein the virtual space control program to be executed on a computer according to claim 14, the virtual space control program comprising:

a step of generating a prescribed object in the virtual space only when a movement of the virtual character occurs, and the direction of the prescribed part is changed into a prescribed direction.

16. The computer-readable recording medium having recorded therein the virtual space control program to be executed on a computer according to claim 10, the virtual space control program comprising: a step of setting target coordinates in the virtual space, and

wherein the step of changing a direction has a step of changing the direction of the prescribed part of the virtual character toward the direction of the target coordinates.

17. The computer-readable recording medium having recorded therein the virtual space control program to be executed on a computer according to claim 10, the virtual space control program comprising:

5 a step of setting a limit to a direction changeable range of the prescribed part of the virtual character.

18. The computer-readable recording medium having recorded therein the virtual space control program to be executed on a computer according to claim 10, the virtual space control program comprising: a step of causing operation of another part influenced by operation of the prescribed part in a pre-established prescribed operating proportion.

15 19. A program execution apparatus, that executes a virtual space control program, the virtual space control program comprising:

a step of changing a direction of a prescribed part of a virtual character in a virtual space; and

20 a step of moving a fixation point in the virtual space in response to the change in direction of the prescribed part.

20. The program execution apparatus according to claim 19, wherein

25 the step of changing a direction has a step of changing an orientation of a head of the virtual character as the change

in direction of the prescribed part, and

the step of moving a fixation point has a step of moving the fixation point in response to the change in orientation of the head of the virtual character.

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21. The program execution apparatus according to claim 19, the virtual space control program comprising:

a step of receiving a operation command input from the virtual character, and

wherein the step of changing a direction has a step of changing the direction of the prescribed part in response to the operation command input.

22. The program execution apparatus according to claim 19, the virtual space control program comprising:

a step of detecting occurrence of a prescribed event, and

wherein the step of changing a direction has a step of changing the direction of the prescribed part in response to the occurrence of the prescribed event.

23. The program execution apparatus according to claim 19, the virtual space control program comprising:

a step of moving the virtual character in the virtual space, and

wherein the step of moving a fixation point has a step

of moving the fixation point in the virtual space in response to movement of the virtual character and to the change in direction of the prescribed part.

- 5 24. The program execution apparatus according to claim 23, the virtual space control program comprising:

a step of generating a prescribed object in the virtual space only when a movement of the virtual character occurs, and the direction of the prescribed part is changed into a
10 prescribed direction.

25. The program execution apparatus according to claim 19, the virtual space control program comprising:

a step of setting target coordinates in the virtual space,
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wherein the step of changing a direction has a step of changing the direction of the prescribed part of the virtual character toward the direction of the target coordinates.

- 20 26. The program execution apparatus according to claim 19, the virtual space control program comprising:

a step of setting a limit to a direction changeable range of the prescribed part of the virtual character.

- 25 27. The program execution apparatus according to claim 19, the virtual space control program comprising:

a step of causing operation of another part influenced by operation of the prescribed part in a pre-established prescribed operating proportion.

- 5 28. A virtual space control program, comprising:

a step of changing a direction of a prescribed part of a virtual character in a virtual space; and

a step of moving a fixation point in the virtual space in response to the change in direction of the prescribed part.

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